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1. FOLLOWING BASED ON JANUARY 25 DISCUSSION BETWEEN EMBOFF AND DR. SCHROEDER, CHIEF OF PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES SECTION, FRG MINISTRY OF YOUTH, FAMILY AND HEALTH: SCHROEDER HAS RECENTLY TAKEN OVER AS CHIEF OF SECTION AND REGRETFULLY FINDS THAT WORK BACKLOG HAS DELAYED ORIGINAL MINISTRY TIMETABLE WHICH CALLED FOR PSYCHOTROPIC CONVENTION RATIFICATION LEGISLATION TO BE READY EARLY IN 1974. HE ANTICIPATES THAT HIS SECTION WILL FIRST BE ABLE TO BEGIN THOROUGH STUDY OF

SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES IN GERMAN NARCOTICS REGULATIONS WHICH RATIFICATION OF PSYCHOTROPIC CONVENTION REQUIRES DURING SPRING OF 1974. NEED FOR THOROUGH STUDY PARTICULARLY TRUE REGARDING ITEMS FOUND IN LISTS THREE AND FOUR OF THE CONVENTION, SINCE THOSE SUBSTANCES
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ARE NOT COVERED BY PRESENT GERMAN NARCOTICS LAW AND

NEW REGULATIONS ON THESE ITEMS WOULD AFFECT A CONSIDERABLE SEGMENT OF GERMAN INDUSTRY. SCHROEDER FEELS, THEREFORE, THAT ADMINISTRATIVE PREPARATORY MEASURES MUST BE CAREFULLY DRAFTED AND IN FORCE PRIOR TO INTRODUCTION OF RATIFICATION LEGISLATION. HE IS HOPEFUL THAT SUCH MEASURES WILL BE "ON THE BOOKS" BY FALL OF 1974 AT WHICH TIME GOVERNMENT WOULD INTRODUCE LEGISLATION LEADING TO RATIFICATION OF PSYCHOTROPIC CONVENTION.

2. COMMENT: DEPARTMENT MIGHT FIND USEFUL THE FACT THAT FRG REPORTS TO UN THOSE STATISTICS FALLING UNDER LISTS ONE AND TWO OF PSYCHOTROPIC CONVENTION, SINCE THESE ITEMS ARE ALREADY COVERED BY EXISTING GERMAN LAW. THUS FRG IS ACTING "AS IF" IT HAS ALREADY RATIFIED PSYCHOTROPICS COVENTION AS FAR AS LISTS ONE AND TWO ARE CONCERNED AND IS MOVING AHEAD AS QUICKLY AS IS POSSIBLE TOWARD RATIFICATION OF ENTIRE CONVENTION.
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